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SUBJ: RHODESIA: ZAMBIA CONTINUES TO HIT TANZANIA ON ELECTION
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1. PARTY-OWNED TIMES OF ZAMBIA EDITORIAL FOR NOVEMBER 25
ONCE AGAIN TAKES OUT AFTER TANZANIA OVER THE DIFFERENCES
REGARDING A SETTLEMENT IN RHODESIA. THE EDITORIAL BEGINS
BY ASKING IF TANZANIA HAS "SUDDENLY GONE SOFT ON THE LIBERATION
STRUGGLE," AND POINTS OUT THAT TANZANIA USUALLY IS A STEADY
CRITIC OF AMERICAN AND BRITISH POLITICAL MOVES. THE PAPER
SUGGESTS THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE'S RECENT VISIT TO THE UNITED
STATES MAY HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH "THIS UNUSUAL DEPARTURE
FROM TANZANIA'S NORMAL POLITICAL LINE."

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2. THE EDITORIAL ALSO SUGGESTS TANZANIA MAY DESIRE TO
SCUTTLE MOVES TOWARD PEACE IN RHODESIA BECAUSE OF ECONOMICS.
STATING THAT, "IN TERMS OF HARD CASH, ZAMBIA AND UDI MUST
BY TANZANIA'S MAJOR INDUSTRY," THE PAPER POINTS OUT THAT
A SETTLEMENT WOULD MEAN THAT REVENUE FOR THE PORT OF DAR
ES SALAAM WOULD BE DRASTICALLY CUT BECAUSE OF RENEWED
ZAMBIAN ACCESS TO MOZAMBIKAN PORTS.

3. THE EDITORIAL CLOSES WITH A PITCH FOR A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY BUILT AROUND THE PATRIOTIC FRONT, WITH THE QUESTION OF ELECTIONS TO BE DECIDED LATER. CHARGING THAT TANZANIA HAS BECOME A "PAWN IN THE ANGLO-AMERICAN GAME," THE PAPER STATES THAT, "MORE REASON AND LESS RHETORIC IS WHAT WE NOW NEED FROM DAR ES SALAAM."

4. THE GOVERNMENT-OWNED ZAMBIA DAILY MAIL CARRIES A FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE ON REACTIONS TO THE STAND OF TANZANIA REGARDING ELECTIONS. ZAPU VICE-SECRETARY FOR PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION GEORGE SILUNDIKA IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE TANZANIAN CALL FOR PRE-INDEPENDENCE ELECTIONS IS AN "INFLUENZA WHICH IS LIKELY TO SICKEN THE BODY-POLITIC OF ZIMBABWE," AND THAT THE PATRIOTIC FRONT IS FIGHTING FOR INDEPENDENCE, NOT ONE-MAN ONE-VOTE. TWO RELATIVELY MINOR ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARE QUOTED AS CRITICIZING THE TANZANIA STAND, AND FREDERICK CHILUBA, CHAIRMAN-GENERAL OF THE ZAMBIA CONGRESS OF TRADE UNIONS, IS REPORTED AS SAYING THAT TANZANIA IS APPLYING A DOUBLE-STANDARD TO THE RHODESIAN SITUATION AS COMPARED TO ITS STAND ON THE TRANSFER OF POWER IN ANGOLA.
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